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Docket No. 1759.17238-FOR

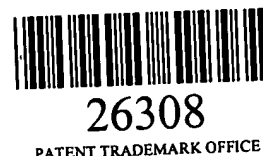
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Sand, Paul M.  
Serial No.: 09/980,648  
Filed: 25 October 2001  
For: Systems and Methods for Mixing and Transferring Flowable Materials

Group Art Unit: 1723  
Examiner: Cooley, Charles E.

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995.)

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114:

- A. ☐ Previously submitted  
☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- B. ☒ Enclosed  
☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☒ Other Transmittal of Formal Drawings, Twenty-Two (22) sheets of Formal Drawings

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- B. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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### EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2010.00	\$1005.00

Fee: \$ 420.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4.

**FEES**

*The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.*

- A.    ☒    The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2360  
         ☒    RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)  
         ☒    Extension of Time Fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)  
         ☐    IDS Fee (\$180.00)  
         ☐    Other
- B.    ☒    RCE Fee  
         ☒    \$770.00 (large entity)  
         ☐    \$385.00 (small entity)
- C.    ☒    Extension Fee: \$420.00
- D.    ☐    IDS Fee (\$180.00)

**TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$1,190.00**

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**AMENDMENT B**  
**SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2004, which was designated a Final Action. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed to respond to the Office Action and to advance prosecution.

An automatic two-month extension of time to respond, up to and including July 5, 2004, (which fell on a Holiday), has been requested with the filing of the RCE. The requisite fee has been paid.

Please amend the application as follows: